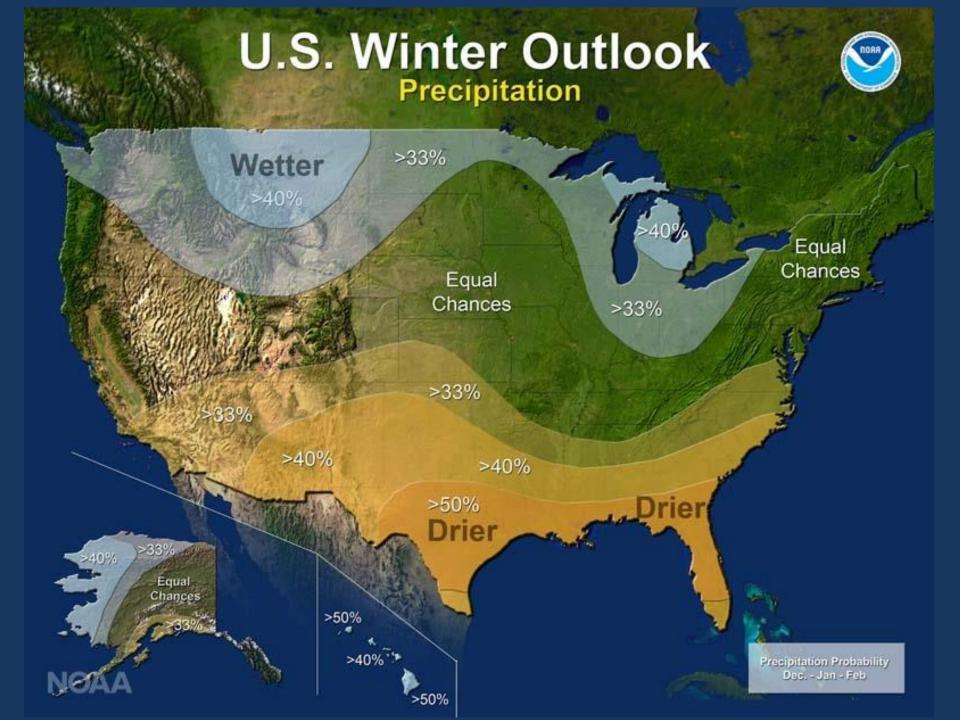
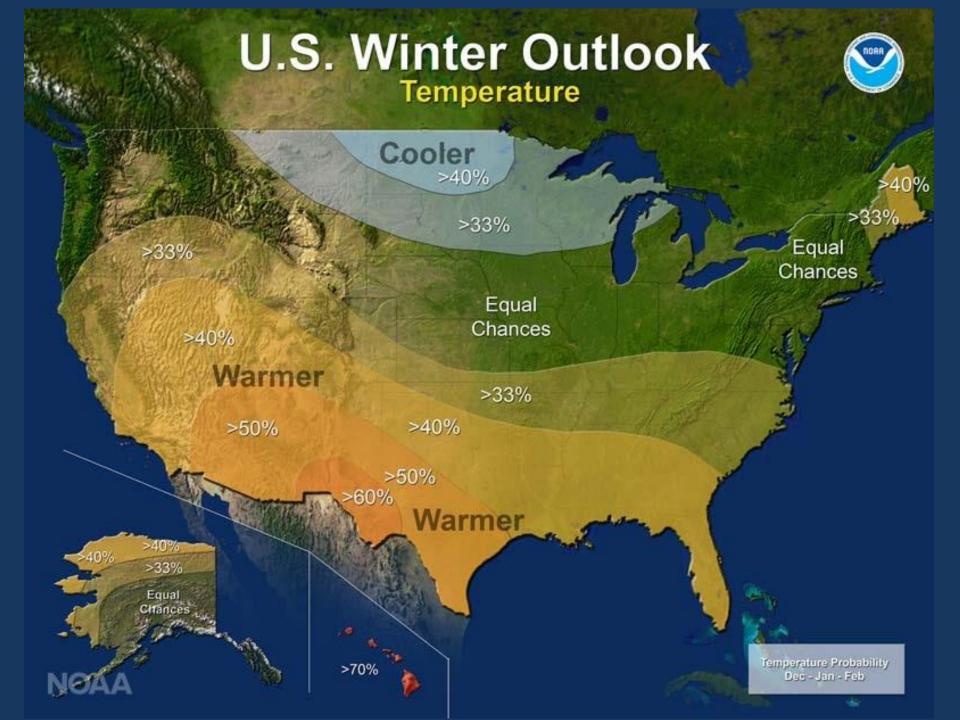


Summary

- The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) is forecasting <u>below normal (40-50% probability</u>) rainfall for January through March.
- La Niña conditions are present. A transition to ENSO-neutral is favored during January-March 2017. La Niña favors above-average temperatures and below-median precipitation across the southern tier of the United States.
- Monitoring Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO) index for switch to negative (cold) phase, this has the potential to contribute to a drier-than-normal 2017 wet season. With a slightly above-normal hurricane season this switch may not be happening.

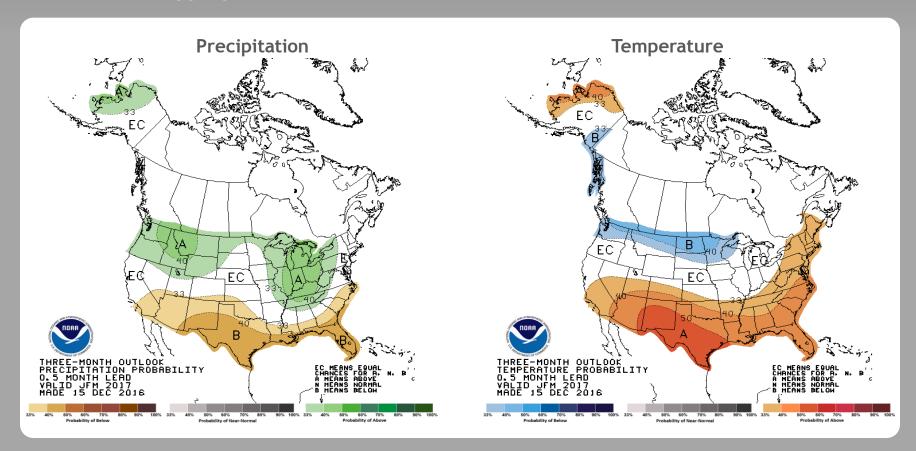


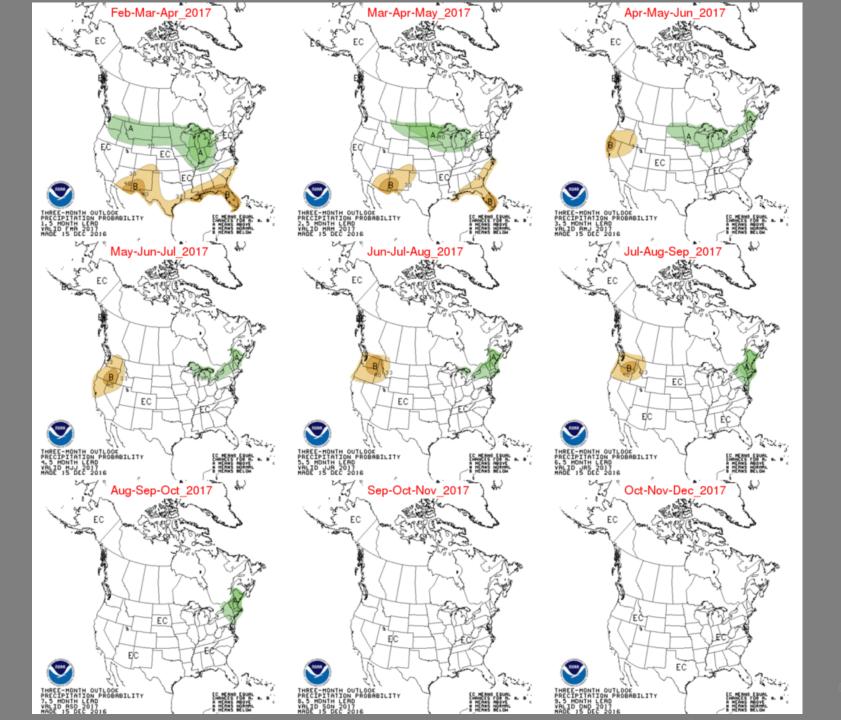


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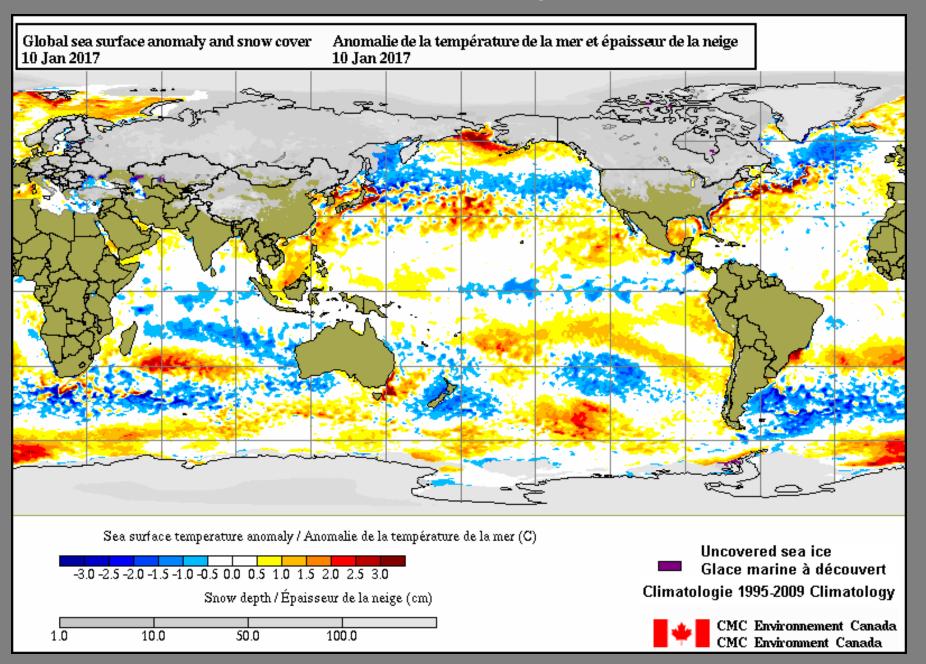
January - March 2017

The seasonal outlooks combine the effects of long-term trends, soil moisture, and, when appropriate, ENSO.





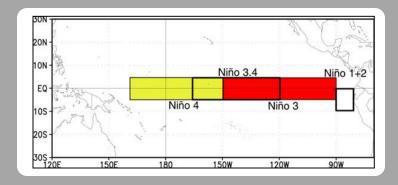
Current Global Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies

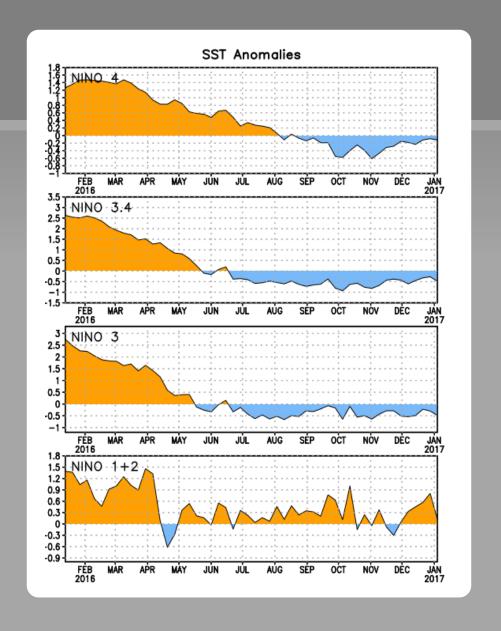


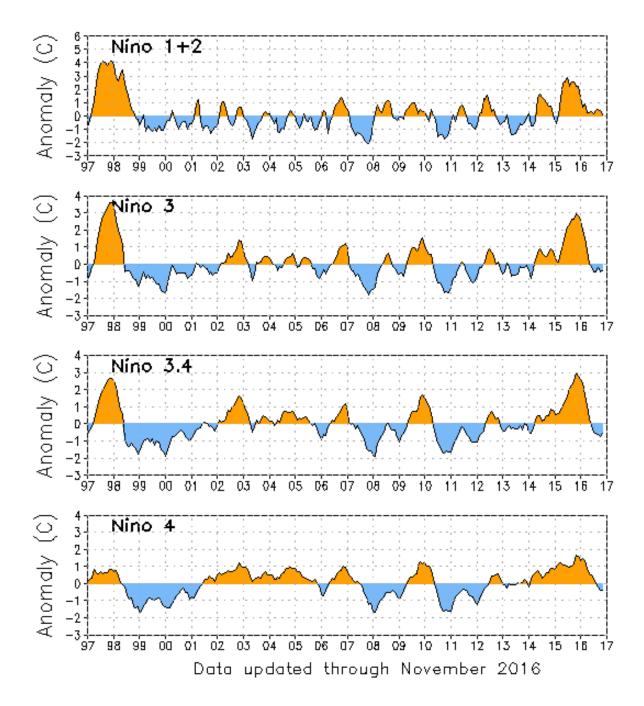
Niño Region SST Departures (°C) Recent Evolution

The latest weekly SST departures are:

Niño 4 -0.1°C Niño 3.4 -0.5°C Niño 3 -0.5°C Niño 1+2 0.1°C







Weekly Heat Content Evolution in the Equatorial Pacific

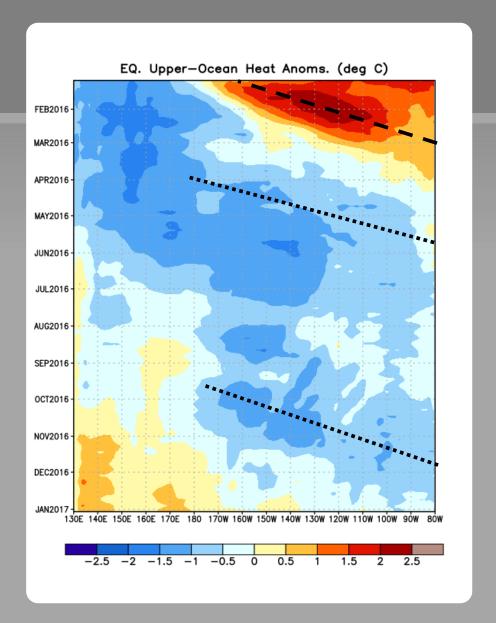
The downwelling phase of an equatorial oceanic Kelvin wave was observed during January-February 2016.

With the passage of an upwelling equatorial oceanic Kelvin wave in March 2016, below-average subsurface temperatures extended across much of the equatorial Pacific.

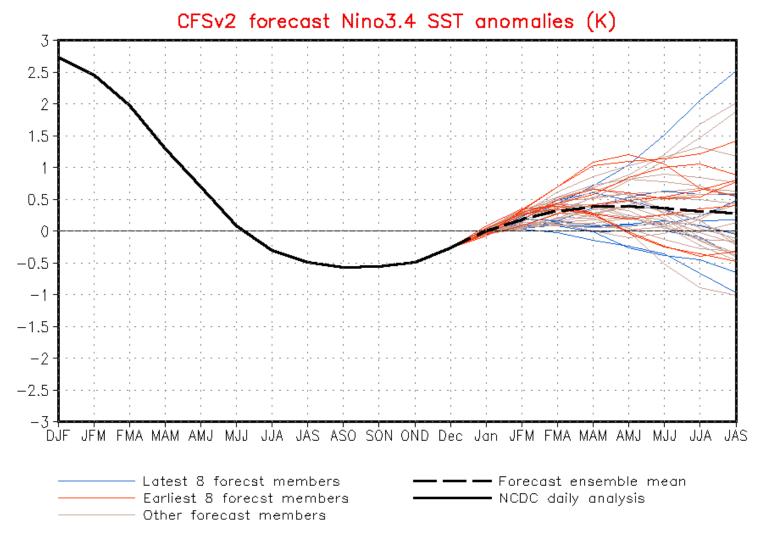
Since November 2016, the subsurface temperature anomalies have gradually weakened.

Recently, positive subsurface temperature anomalies have expanded eastward to the east-central Pacific.

Equatorial oceanic Kelvin waves have alternating warm and cold phases. The warm phase is indicated by dashed lines. Downwelling and warming occur in the leading portion of a Kelvin wave, and up-welling and cooling occur in the trailing portion.

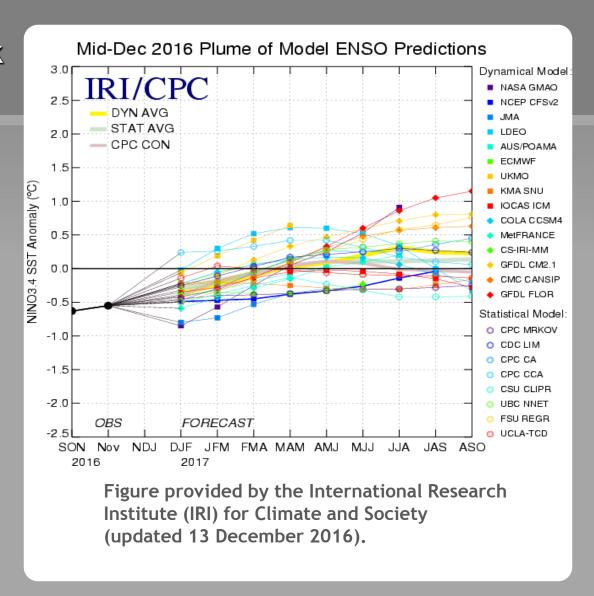






IRI/CPC Pacific Niño 3.4 SST Model Outlook

The multi-model averages indicate a transition to ENSO-neutral during the Northern Hemisphere winter 2016-17.



Historical El Niño and La Niña Episodes Based on the ONI computed using ERSST.v4

Recent Pacific warm (red) and cold (blue) periods based on a threshold of +/- 0.5 °C for the Oceanic Nino Index (ONI) [3 month running mean of ERSST.v4 SST anomalies in the Nino 3.4 region (5N-5S, 120-170W)]. For historical purposes, periods of below and above normal SSTs are colored in blue and red when the threshold is met for a minimum of 5 consecutive over-lapping seasons.

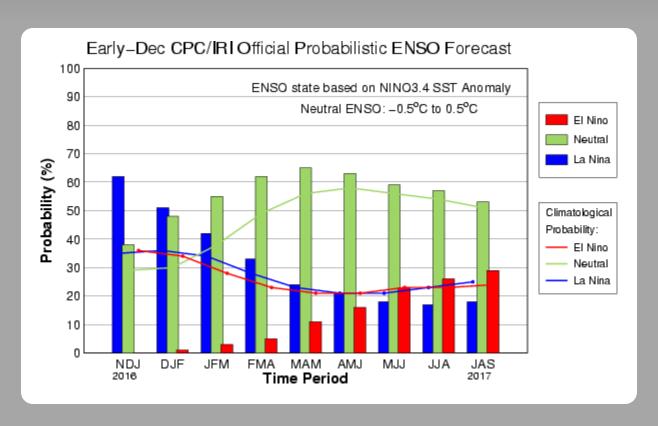
The ONI is one measure of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation, and other indices can confirm whether features consistent with a coupled ocean-atmosphere phenomenon accompanied these periods. The complete table going back to DJF 1950 can be found here.

Year	DJF	JFM	FMA	MAM	AMJ	МЈЈ	JJA	JAS	ASO	SON	OND	NDJ
2004	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
2005	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7
2006	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.9
2007	0.7	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.9	-1.1	-1.3	-1.3
2008	-1.4	-1.3	-1.1	-0.9	-0.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.7
2009	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.3
2010	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.9	-1.2	-1.4	-1.5	-1.4	-1.4
2011	-1.3	-1.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.9	-1.0	-0.9
2012	-0.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.2
2013	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
2014	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.6
2015	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.3
2016	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.1	0.6	0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	

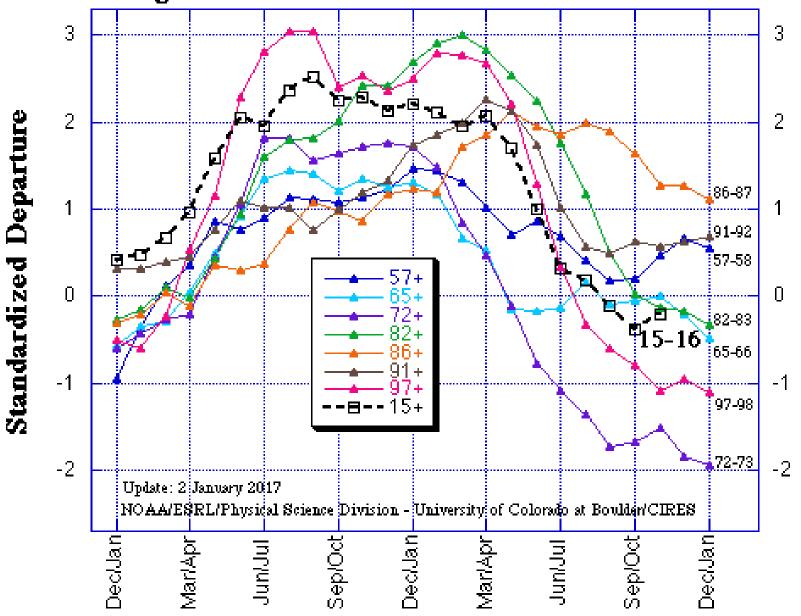
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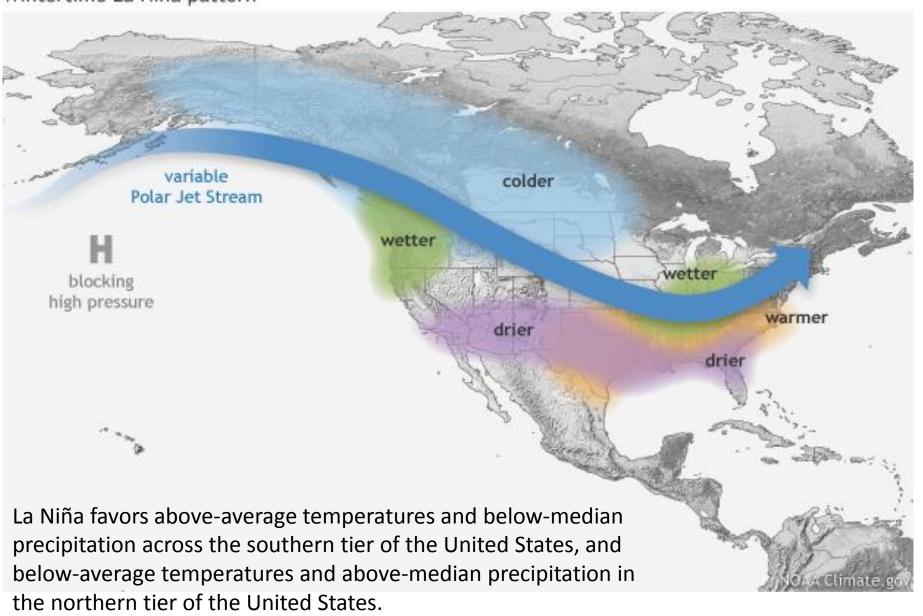
La Niña is slightly favored to persist (~50% chance) during the winter 2016-17. A transition to ENSO-neutral is favored during January-March 2017.

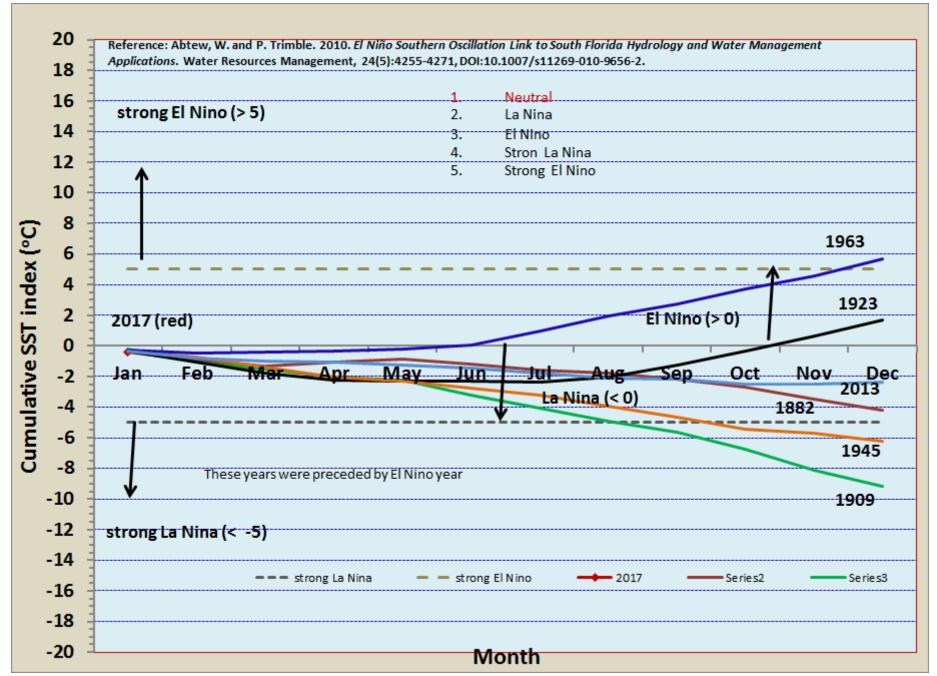


Multivariate ENSO Index (MEI) for the seven strongest El Niño events since 1950 vs. 2015-16

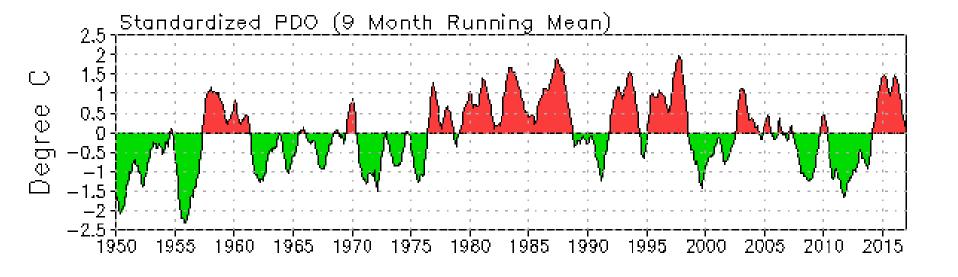


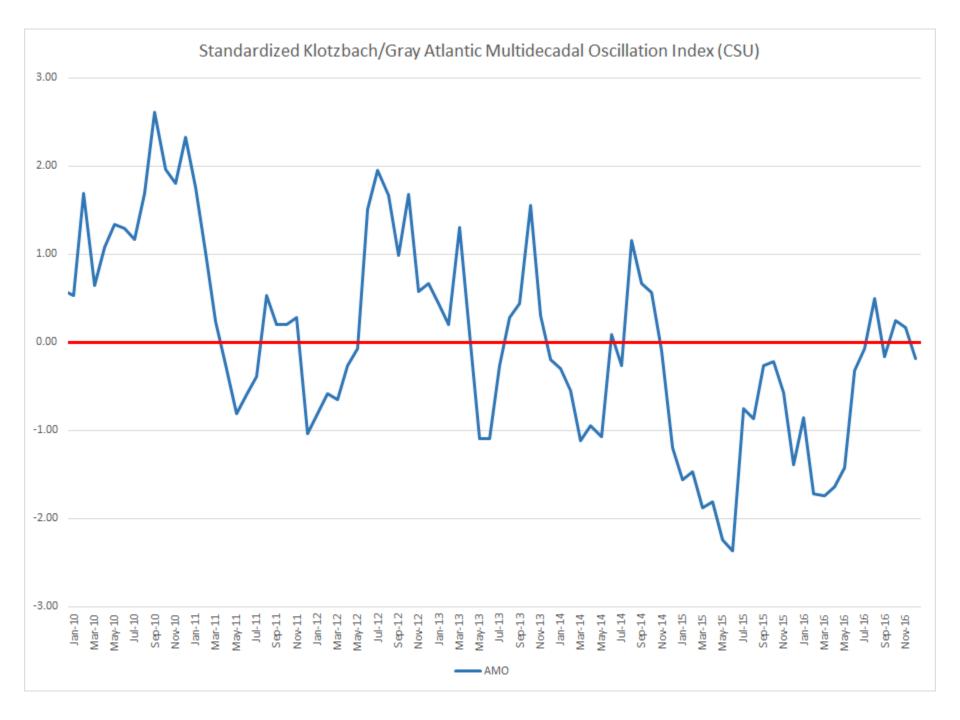
Wintertime La Niña pattern

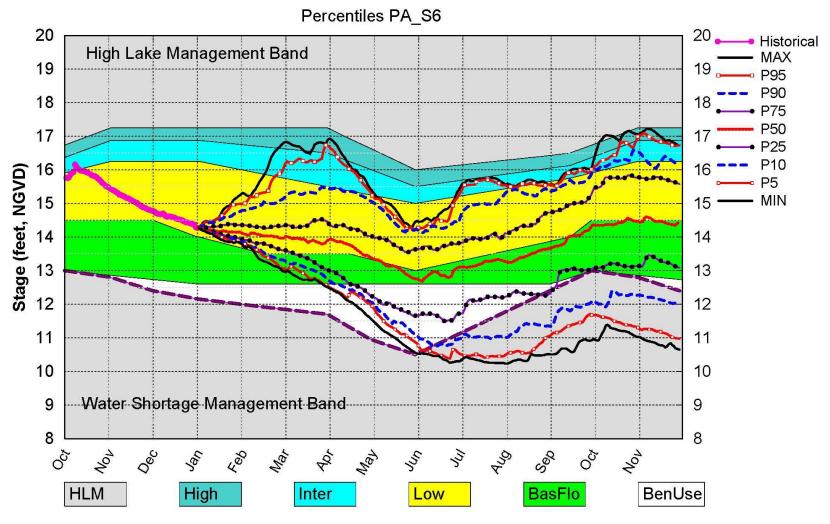




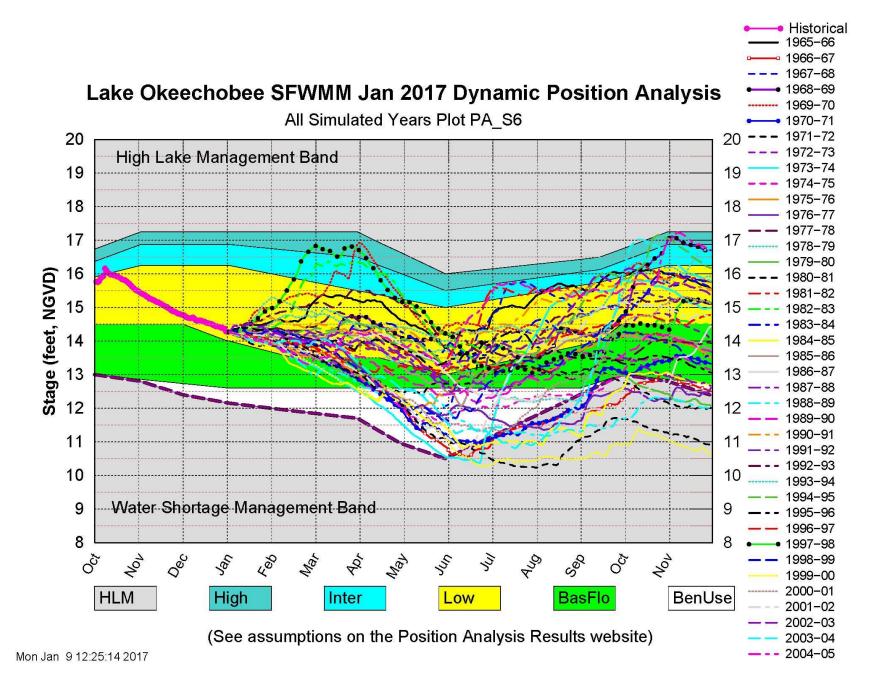
Source: Wossenu Abtew (SFWMD)

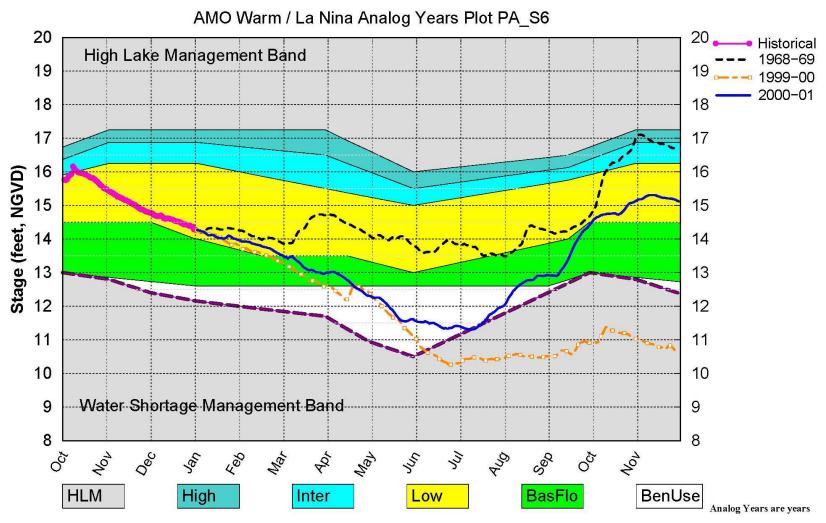






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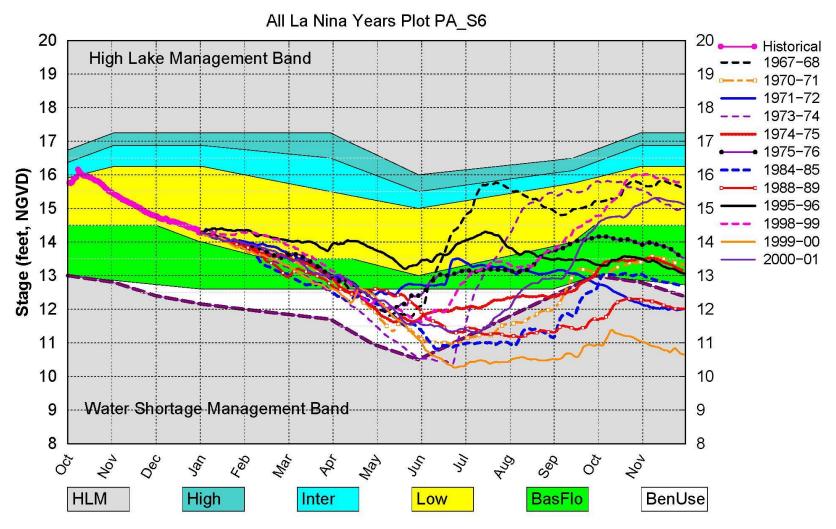




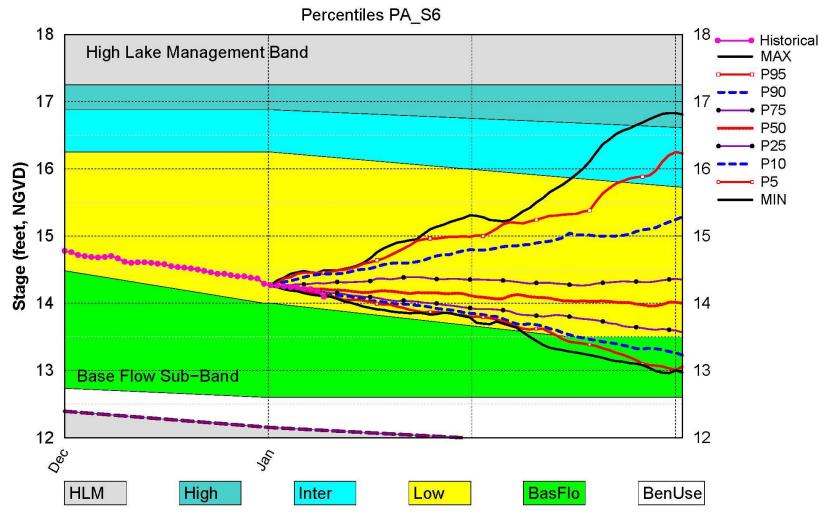
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